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ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Economic Reform, Private Sector Development, Trade and Agriculture)



Cool, clean and cheaper

On a scorching day, a child on the outskirts of Cotabato City enjoys potable running water provided through the newly constructed Tamontaka 3 Water System. The new system connects the barangay to the Metro Cotabato Water District through 1.3 kilometers of pipelines and nine communal faucets and was constructed by USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program. The water system is among 870 barangay infrastructure projects built in partnership with local governments by the GEM Program, in support of peace and economic development in Mindanao's conflict-affected areas.

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